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What's Happening in the City of Fairfax



Business NEWS

Economic Development Office Seeks Business Partnerships With Festivals

The annual Chocolate Lovers Festival will sweeten things up February 4-5, 2017, aiming to celebrate a universal love of chocolate.

It also aims to attract visitors to Old Town Fairfax, to encourage community vibrancy, and to highlight the growing partnership between residents, government, and the city's business community.

The Economic Development Office (EDO) is supporting the 2017 festival by engaging businesses and identifying creative opportunities for business involvement in the festival.

By working with the Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee, the business community and the EDO can create a program that supports the festival and helps grow the city as a regional destination for shopping, eating, and working.

The vision is to expand business partnership with a full range of city festivals and special events. The EDO seeks thoughts and ideas on business involvement with Fairfax events and festivals: economicdevelopment@fairfaxva.gov.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

City of Fairfax Police Launch Body-Worn Camera Program

Following months of evaluation and a public meeting this past spring, City of Fairfax Police officers will begin wearing body cameras December 15. The city is among the first police departments in the region to use body-worn cameras.

The department will equip all 38 patrol and motor officers with cameras. Officers will be able to review video from their assigned camera before filing reports or testifying in court. This video also will assist in criminal prosecutions and provide officers with a valuable tool to assess the effectiveness of their service delivery and tactical performance.

This technology provides video that enables the department to conduct more thorough investigations of citizen complaints, prisoner injuries, and use of force incidents.



Digital video will be retained in accordance of the Library of Virginia records retention schedule. Police officers will store their camera's video on a cloud-based server.

Officers will have read-only access to videos.

The program, approved by the City Council in the current-year budget, is funded in part by a \$29,000 matching grant from the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance, which funded body-worn cameras in 73 police departments in 32 states. Body-worn cameras are less expensive and provide more extensive footage than mobile in-car recording systems currently in use.

Information about this program will be posted on the city website. Information: police.information@fairfaxva.gov, 703-273-2889.



Start the Holidays with Festival of Lights and Carols, and Santa, on December 3

Ring in the holidays at the Festival of Lights and Carols on December 3, rain or shine. Information: 703-385-7858.

Children ages 10 and younger may lunch with Santa at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in

Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. Tickets cost \$6 per child and are sold by the Parks and Recreation Department. Infants age 1 and younger may attend for free; however, parents must register with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Old Town Square, adjacent to Old Town Hall, turns into a Winter Wonderland through January 4, 2017. Beginning at noon, listen to live holiday music, visit the petting zoo and enjoy s'mores and hot cider in Old Town Square; a full schedule is available on the city website.

Caroling begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree in Old Town Square. From 6-7 p.m., tour the Ratcliffe-Allison House by candlelight.



City **NEWS** AND Notes

Holiday Refuse/Recycling Collection Schedule

- Monday, 12/26: No service
- Tuesday, 12/27: Monday and Tuesday routes collected

New Year's Day

- Monday, 1/2/17: No service
- Tuesday, 1/3/17: Monday and Tuesday routes collected

Information: 703-385-7837 •
RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov

City Government Offices December Closures

City government offices will close from 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. December 9 for the employee recognition luncheon.

Other holiday closure information:

Thursday, December 22

- General District Court closes at noon

Friday, December 23

- City government offices close at noon
- Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, and Historic Blenheim, close at noon
- General District Court closed
- CUE Bus on regular schedule

Saturday, December 24

- CUE Bus runs on a regular schedule until service ends at 7 p.m.
- Fairfax Museum, and Historic Blenheim, closed

Sunday, December 25

- No CUE Bus service
- Fairfax Museum closed

Monday, December 26

- City government offices closed
- General District Court closed
- Fairfax Museum open
- CUE Bus on modified weekday schedule

Saturday, December 31

- CUE Bus runs on regular schedule

Sunday, January 1, 2017

- No CUE Bus service
- Fairfax Museum closed

Monday, January 2, 2017

- City government offices closed
- General District Court closed
- Fairfax Museum open
- CUE Bus on modified weekday schedule

Fairfax Water Holds Public Hearing December 15 on Possible Rate Increases

Fairfax Water customers are invited to participate in a public hearing held by Fairfax Water on proposed revisions to the schedule of rates, fees, and charges, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. December 15 at Fairfax Water's main office, 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax.

Proposed revisions include a change in the commodity charge from \$2.68 to \$2.81 per 1,000 gallons, effective with meter readings taken on or after April 1, 2017. Information: www.fairfaxwater.org, 703-698-5600.

Donations Sought for Children's Coats

The Fire Department has partnered with City of Fairfax Schools Superintendent Peter Noonan and City of Fairfax Firefighters Local 2702 as ambassadors in Operation Warm: providing new winter coats for local children living in poverty.

Firefighters will go to each school to help personally fit each child with a new coat.

Financial donations are accepted at www.operationwarm.org/fairfaxcity and Operation Warm, P.O. Box 822431, Philadelphia, PA 19182-2431; if paying by check, please write "Local 2702" in the check's memo line.

Dog License Applications Mailed in December

City dog licenses are available for \$5 per year for spayed or neutered dogs and \$10 a year for unaltered dogs. All dogs age four months and older must be licensed.

To obtain a license, dog owners must present a current rabies certificate for each dog. Licenses may be purchased for the years the rabies vaccination is valid. If applicable, residents must present a neuter/spay certificate (for first-time licenses only).

Licenses may be purchased at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall. Applications are available on the city website in the "Animal Control" section of the Police Department Web pages. Information: 703-385-7900.

Community Garden Plots Renewals Due December 31; Wait List Available

City residents currently leasing plots at City of Fairfax community gardens may renew their leases by submitting a renewal application (with the annual plot fees) by December 31.

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains a wait list for community gardens plots at City Hall and Kutner Park. Applications for the wait list or renewal are available on the city website in the "Parks, Trails and Fields" section of the Parks and Recreation Department Web pages. Information: 703-385-7858, ParksRec@fairfaxva.gov.

Secondary School Students Eligible for a Free Bus Pass

Middle school and high school students who live in and attend school in the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County may travel for free on CUE Bus and Fairfax Connector with a pass available through their schools. For information, parents should contact school administrators. Parents of home-school students should contact Thomas Italiano (titaliano@fcps.edu, 703-446-2000).

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards



- Board of Architectural Review (one vacancy for city resident or architectural historian)
- Commission on the Arts (two vacancies for city residents)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Crowder. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply.
Information: 703-385-7935.

FY 17-18 Budget Process Begins With CIP Discussion December 6

The city has begun reviewing capital improvement projects to be scheduled for the next five years.

The City Council will discuss proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects at its December 6 work session with the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will schedule a public hearing on the proposed CIP in January 2017. Cityscreen-12 will televise these meetings; see page 5.

The City Council will hold work sessions and public hearings on the proposed CIP in March, April, and May 2017. The CIP will be adopted with the budget on May 3, 2017.



The CIP is a five-year plan for major city improvements costing \$25,000 or more. Funding for the first fiscal year in the CIP will be included in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-18. CIP projects and funding in subsequent years are projections only and are subject to revision and approval during each budget cycle. Information: 703-385-7870.

The current fiscal year budget (pictured, left) is available on the city website. Printed copies are available from the Finance Department, Room 312 in City Hall. Information: 703-385-7876.

City Council Holds Discussion, Public Hearing on Proposed University Drive Extension in December

In December, the Mayor and City Council will hold discussions and take action on the proposed extension of University Drive from Fairfax Boulevard to Eaton Place.

On December 6, the City Council will discuss the project in a work session.

On December 13, the City Council will hold a public hearing, followed by a vote on a resolution to either move forward with the next stage of funding for engineering or cancel the project.

Both the City Council work session and meeting are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Annex and will be televised on Cityscreen-12, the city television station.

The proposed project to extend University Drive from Fairfax Boulevard to Eaton Place will include new sidewalks, on-road bike lanes, lighting, landscaping, and the reconstruction of the traffic signal at the intersection of University Drive and Fairfax Boulevard. A roadway extension in this location is recommended in the city's *Comprehensive Plan* as part of an expanded roadway grid to provide more travel routes and better connectivity within the Northfax area.

This project has received Smart Scale funding through the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Information: 703-385-7810.

Don't Bag It! Rake Loose Leaves to Curb by December 23 for Prompt Collection

Curbside leaf collection will continue through the end of the year, so please have all leaves raked to the curb by December 23 for prompt collection.

Bagged leaves will not be collected until January 3, 2017. Information: 703-385-LEAF.

Here are a few leaf tips:

- Give leaf piles a minimum six-foot clearance from overhead obstructions such as branches, trees, basketball hoops and holiday decorations.
- Remember, parking vehicles on leaf piles is a fire hazard.
- Light yard debris (such as grass clippings and weeds) may be included in leaf piles.

- Keep stones, branches and other large items out of leaf piles because these items can injure workers and damage equipment.

The city is divided into six sections, and leaves are collected in rotation by neighborhood about once every two weeks (often more frequently). Heavy leaf fall or inclement weather may affect leaf collection.

The city is among the only local jurisdictions to provide this service at no additional charge to its residents.

Sign up for leaf collection updates (and more) via Fairfax City Alert, the city's electronic message system: www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert.



Holiday Greens Collected Curbside

Give live trees, garland and wreaths a chance to keep on giving: place them at the curb for disposal.

These materials are taken to the Fairfax County landfill to be made into mulch (available to city residents while supplies last).



Holidays Affect Yard Debris Collection

When implementing a holiday schedule for curbside refuse collection, the city typically collects multiple days' worth of items on a single day.

As a result, yard waste collection may be delayed for a number of days throughout all city neighborhoods — so please leave items at the curb until they are collected.

Don't Trash Liquids

Be sure to empty liquid from refuse and recyclable containers before placing them at the curb. This prevents liquid from spilling on workers and leaking onto the road from collection trucks.

Please dry out latex paint cans before disposal. Oil-based paint is hazardous waste and not accepted curbside.

Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/recycling for disposal information.

Solid Waste Services Guide, Recycling Bins Available

What materials do city refuse and recycling crews collect from the curb? Find out in the *Solid Waste Services Guide*, available on the city website and by request: call 703-385-7837 or email RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov.

City refuse and recycling service customers may request blue recycling bins at no cost.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

Special Election Absentee Voting Begins December 23

The Special Election for the City of Fairfax Mayor will be held February 7, 2017 — and absentee voting for this election begins December 23.

The Office of Elections is open from 8:30 a.m. to noon December 23 (due to the observance of the Christmas Eve holiday).

In-person absentee voting is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays from December 27 through February 3, 2017 (excluding holidays). In-person absentee voting also will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

Voter registration is open through January 24, 2017. The Office of Elections must receive voter registration forms in-person by 5 p.m. January 24, 2017.

Mailed voter registration forms must be postmarked no later than January 24, 2017.

Sample ballots will be available — and posted on the city website — as soon as possible before absentee voting begins. Information: 703-385-7890.

City Hall Commissions Family Restrooms, Lactation Rooms

The Commission for Women has spearheaded two projects to make City Hall more accessible and family-friendly: two single-room “family” restrooms, complete with baby changing stations and accessible facilities, and lactation rooms for nursing mothers. Information: 703-385-7894.

The restrooms, on the first floor of the City Hall building (across the Atrium from the City Council Chamber), provide facilities for people of all ages and physical abilities. (This type of facility already is available at the Stacy C. Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.)

The city also has designated two rooms in the City Hall complex for use by city employees and City Hall visitors for lactation (breastfeeding and pumping). These quiet rooms with comfortable amenities lock from the inside for privacy and security. To use these rooms, members of the public may contact the City Manager’s Office, Room 316 in City Hall. Information: 703-385-7850.

Real Estate Tax Bills Due December 5; Relief Available

City real estate tax bills are due December 5. Residents who receive a real estate tax bill and whose mortgage company escrows the payment should immediately forward the bill to the mortgage company. Property owners who pay their real estate tax directly and have not received a tax bill should call 703-385-7900.

Find current tax bills and tax payment records, make a full or partial tax payment, and review your account on the city website at eservices.fairfaxva.gov/taxes, or under the “Online Services” tab. Also, sign up for

Fairfax City Alert to receive tax-related notices: www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert.

The city offers real estate tax relief options to qualified senior citizens and homeowners with disabilities: *basic tax relief*, *tax deferral*, *tax freeze*, or *combination tax freeze and deferral*. Information: 703-359-2486.

Disabled veterans (or their surviving spouses) may be eligible for real estate tax exemptions on their principal residences. For this exemption, disability documentation must come from the V.A. Information: 703-359-2486.

Check Before You Chop: Tree Removal in the City May Require Permit

City property owners and civic associations should remember that permits may be required to remove trees on their properties. Information: 703-385-7820.

For example, tree removal permits are required to remove trees with a trunk circumference of five inches or greater (measured at breast height) on a lot half-acre or larger in a single-family detached zoning district.

Tree removal permits also are required on properties in all other districts, regardless of lot size.

Removal of trees that have been identified as an immediate hazard by the city’s

designated enforcement officer do not require a tree removal permit in advance.

The removal of a tree may require the tree be replaced under certain circumstances to meet minimum tree cover.

Tree trimming does not require a permit, provided the portion of the tree being trimmed is on the tree owner’s lot and the work is performed from that property. Trimming should be carried out so as not to cause injury to the tree.

Tree removal permit applications are available on the city website and from the Community Development and Planning Department, City Hall Annex Room 207.



Council Reporter

Summary of City Council meeting actions.
For a complete copy, or for the minutes of meetings,
call 703-385-7935.

October 18, 2016

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute a license agreement with Clarks Corner Homeowners Association, Inc. to install and to continue to maintain certain installed landscaping improvements within a portion of the city’s right-of-way for a period of five

years. (Councilmembers DeMarco and Greenfield were absent.)

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, an award of contract to Julius Branscome Inc., in an estimated amount of \$2,176,869.40 for milling, paving and related services for fiscal year 2016-17. (Councilmember Schmidt abstained. Councilmembers DeMarco and Greenfield were absent.)

CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

Where to Find Cityscreen-12

- Verizon FiOS: Channel 12
- Cox Communications: Channel 12
- City website

The Fairfax Scene



Through December 14, enjoy highlights from the 2016 Fall Festival.

Beginning December 15, get in the holiday spirit with highlights from this year's Holiday Craft Show and the Festival of Lights and Carols. Plus, get a look at the city's branding initiative.

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm

Archived online: "special programming"

Encore!



Encore musical performance, 4 pm daily.

Emergency Preparedness



This series, presented by the Office of Emergency Management, focuses on many aspects of emergency preparedness, such as emergency kits, tornadoes and power outages.

Plays at 10 am and 7 pm on days when meetings/replays are not scheduled.

School Board



Monday, December 5, 7:30 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, December 6, 10 am

Thursday, December 8, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online December 6

City Council



Tuesday, December 6, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, December 7, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, December 9, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, December 10, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, December 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online December 7



Tuesday, December 13, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, December 14, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, December 16, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, December 17, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, December 18, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online December 14

Planning Commission



Monday, December 12, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, December 13, 10 am

Thursday, December 15, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online December 13

Cityscreen-12 on DVD, Blu-ray

Cityscreen-12 programs are available for loan on Blu-ray and DVD. Information: 703-385-7850, WeCare@fairfaxva.gov.

Copies of some programs may be purchased on DVD for \$15 and on Blu-ray for \$20.

Excerpts from city programs and meetings can be made upon request; cost is \$30 for DVD and \$35 for Blu-ray. Information: 703-385-7803, Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov.

Watch Cityscreen-12 on the Web

Miss a meeting? Want to catch up on a topic? Meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission and School Board are available on the city website (on the home page, click on "City Meetings").

Watch Cityscreen-12's special programming at your convenience, courtesy of YouTube, including public service announcements, *The Fairfax Scene*, and more.

MEETING INFORMATION AND AGENDAS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONFIRM PRIOR TO MEETING. CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.



PROPOSED AGENDAS

School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

December 5 regular meeting

- Staff/student recognition.
- Student Representative Report.
- Presentation on the Fairfax County Public School Legislative Program report.
- Presentation on the City of Fairfax School Board Legislative program.
- Presentation of and public hearing on the superintendent's proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-18.
- Approval of the 2017 Legislative Program.
- Approval of the revised Six Year Plan.
- Approval of the minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting.

City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

December 6 work session

- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission regarding the city's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) program for fiscal year 2017-18 to fiscal year 2022-23.
- Joint discussion with the Planning Commission regarding the draft Multimodal Transportation Plan.
- Discussion of a proposed driveway or pedestrian bridge repair policy for properties along a segment of Howerton Avenue.
- Discussion of the proposed University Drive extension project.

December 13 regular meeting and work session

- Public hearing and vote on a resolution to either move forward with the next stage of funding for engineering or cancel the proposed University Drive extension project.
- Discussion of the formal designation of a position of Acting or Vice Mayor for the city.

Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

Please note: at the December 6 City Council work session, the Planning Commission will have joint discussion with the City Council; please see the proposed City Council agenda for information.

December 12 work session

- Discussion of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan — Draft Goals and Outcomes.



Winter Weather Info

Remain Ready for Emergencies

Winter weather can cause power outages, impede mobility and cause emergency conditions. Here are some ideas on how to prepare for winter emergencies.

Be Ready: Build an Emergency Kit

Building an emergency kit is an excellent practice not only for emergency evacuation purposes, but for seasonal weather emergencies as well.

Find out what should be included in household and work emergency kits: visit the Emergency Management Office Web page on the city website or call 703-385-4856 during regular office hours.

Don't forget your companion animals — be sure to include their special needs in your household emergency kit.

Dealing with Snow, Ice Removal

The city is among the few local jurisdictions to plow its own roads. Public Works Department crews work around the clock to make city streets passable during a snowstorm.

When snow is predicted, park vehicles in driveways and off the street when possible to make plowing quicker and more effective.

Please clean snow from driveways and sidewalks in front of your properties.

If the snow is deep enough, plows may push snow into cleared driveway bibs — unfortunate, unavoidable and unintentional. Here are some shoveling tips:

- When shoveling driveways, continue to remove snow for a few feet past the curb or driveway, into the street.
- Pile snow to the left of the driveway (facing the driveway from the street), a few feet from the curb or edge of the property. *Remember: do not pile snow in the street.*
- When shoveling, remove snow from an area to the right of the driveway. Make it

Utilities Connection

Fairfax Water

Report water main breaks:
watermainbreak@fairfaxwater.org,
703-698-5613

Real-time repair information:
fwnotifications.org/public

Dominion Virginia Power

Report and check outages:
www.dom.com (Outage Center)
888-DOM-HELP

a few feet long and a few feet wide. Snow plows will have less snow to carry past your driveway — and the plow can drop the snow it's already carrying.

- Clear fire hydrants near homes and businesses so firefighters can access them immediately in case of emergency.

Prepare for Power Outages

Keep electronic communication devices fully charged during an emergency.

Keep non-electric tools handy, including flashlights, manual can openers and battery-powered radios.

Those in buildings with elevators and electric doors should know the building management emergency phone numbers and be familiar with emergency exit routes.

Those under doctors' care should check with their physicians for medical procedures and services that might be affected by a power outage.

Generators: Before and During an Event

Before installing a generator, obtain the proper city permits and make sure the generator is the proper size for its intended use.

When using generators, keep them outside the buildings for safety purposes. Be mindful of neighbors and the noise created by generators, especially at night. Loud generators are not exempt from city noise laws.

Cold and frozen items will remain safe for hours in a closed refrigerator and freezer; access these appliances only when necessary.

Find Service Providers Now

Make provisions now for services you may need during a snow or ice storm such as snow removal, home repairs, tree limb removal, transportation and more. Family, friends and neighbors may offer recommendations.

Check on Your Neighbors

Be a good neighbor: check on those around you and give them a hand when you can. Pay special attention to neighbors who are elderly and those with disabilities.

Use Multiple Resources for Communication

Identify multiple ways to reach friends and family in case one or more media is unavailable.

Remember to include all resources, including telephone, text, and social media.

Information Resources

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov
24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television
and city website
24-hour access, updates

Fairfax City Alert message system

messages sent to subscribers
via e-mail, pager, text and phone
24-hour access, updates




City newsline

703-273-1776
recorded information
24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 711)
regular business hours

Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS City Government Information 703-585-7855 City News and Events 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414 George Mason University Events 703-993-1000 Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.			Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1000 	1 Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Theatre Company: The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe, 7:30 pm, Truro Anglican Church The Hub Theatre: The Magi, 8 pm, John Swayze Theatre	2 Norwegian Festival and Bazaar, 10 am, Christ Lutheran Church City of Fairfax Theatre Company: The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe, 7:30 pm, Truro Anglican Church Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 The Hub Theatre: The Magi, 8 pm, John Swayze Theatre	3 Pancake Breakfast With Santa, 8-11 am, Fire Station 3 (benefits Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Lunch with Santa, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, Old Town Hall (tickets required)  Festival of Lights and Carols — see page 1
4 Christmas in Camp, noon to 4 pm, Historic Blenheim Mason Opera: Amahl and the Night Visitor, 3 pm, 5 pm, Old Town Hall Main Street Community Band: Home for the Holidays, 4 pm, Sidney Lanier Middle School	5 Real estate taxes due  School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex 	6  City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	7 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim	8 Fairfax Art League: Art & Lunch, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	9 Notice: City government offices close from 11:45 am to 2:15 pm for the Employee Recognition Luncheon Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Cathedral Brass, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	10 The Hub Theatre: The Magi, 2 pm, 8 pm, John Swayze Theatre in the New School of Northern Virginia Northern Virginia Ceili, 6:30 pm, Green Acres Center
11 Second Sunday: American Holiday Postcards, 1905-1915, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center GMU Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble: Tuba Caroling, 2 pm, Old Town Square	12 Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	13  City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	14 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Theatre: Improv Workshop for Adults, 7:30 pm, Old Firestation #3	15 Fairfax Water public hearing on water rate revisions, 6:30 pm, Fairfax Water, 8570 Executive Park Avenue	16 Sherwood Cinema Series: The Secret Life of Pets, 7 pm, Sherwood Center (food donations accepted 7 - 9 pm) Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) The Hub Theatre: The Magi, 8 pm, John Swayze Theatre	17  Safe Assured ID Kits, 9 am to 1 pm, Police Station (reservations required: 703-385-7924) City of Fairfax Band and Fairfax Choral Society: Christmas, Candles, and a Chorus, 7 pm, Fairfax High School (free tickets required)
18 The Hub Theatre: The Magi, 2 pm, 7 pm, John Swayze Theatre at the New School of Northern Virginia	19 Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall	20 Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center	21  In-person absentee voting for the February 7, 2017 Special Election will be available weekdays December 23 through February 3, 2017 (excluding holidays) and on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at the Sisson House (adjacent to City Hall). Information: 703-385-7890, www.fairfaxva.gov/vote.	22 General District Court closes at noon In-person absentee voting for the February 7, 2017 special election, 8:30 am to 5 pm, Sisson House	23 Friday refuse and recycling route collected Christmas Eve (observed): city government offices close at noon; General District Court closed; Fairfax Museum, Historic Blenheim close at noon; CUE Bus runs on a regular schedule	24 Christmas Eve: Fairfax Museum and Historic Blenheim closed; CUE Bus runs on a regular schedule until service ends at 7 pm
25 Christmas: Fairfax Museum closed; No CUE Bus service	26 Refuse and recyclables are not collected Christmas (observed): city government offices closed; General District Court closed; Fairfax Museum is open; CUE Bus runs on modified weekday schedule	27 Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling routes collected In-person absentee voting for the February 7, 2017 special election, 8:30 am to 5 pm, Sisson House	28 In-person absentee voting for the February 7, 2017 special election, 8:30 am to 5 pm, Sisson House	29 In-person absentee voting for the February 7, 2017 special election, 8:30 am to 5 pm, Sisson House	30 In-person absentee voting for the February 7, 2017 special election, 8:30 am to 5 pm, Sisson House	31 CUE Bus runs on a regular schedule Community garden plot renewal applications and wait list applications due

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City Happenings

History Lectures December 4, 11

Spend *Christmas in Camp* from noon to 4 p.m. December 4 at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-591-0560.

Learn about *American Holiday Postcards, 1905-1915: Imagery and Context* at 2 p.m. December 11 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. Information: 703-385-8414.

Celebrate Holidays With Music in December

Music lovers have their choice of concerts to celebrate the season in Fairfax.

The Main Street Community Band will be *Home for the Holidays* at 4 p.m. December 4 at Sidney Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road. Free tickets are required. Information: 571-336-CFBA.

The free Bonita Lestina Performance Series continues with the *Cathedral Brass: Holiday Traditions* at 8 p.m. December 9 in Old Town Hall. Information: 703-352-ARTS.

The City of Fairfax Band and the Fairfax Choral Society celebrate with *Christmas, Candles and A Chorus* at 7 p.m. December 17 at Fairfax High School. Free tickets are required. Information: 571-336-CFBA.



New Chocolate Lovers Valentine Available; Festival Set for February 4-5, 2017

Chocolate Lovers Festival collector valentines are available at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street; at City Hall, Room 123; and from members of the Independence Day Celebration Committee. Cost is \$5 and includes a coupon for five pogs at the Taste

of Chocolate. The Chocolate Lovers Festival will be February 4-5, 2017, in Old Town Fairfax. Information: 703-385-7858, www.chocolatefestival.net.

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues December 16

Watch *The Secret Life of Pets* for free December 16 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Lights go down at 7 p.m. and participants may bring their own snacks.

Information: 703-385-7858.

Start Holiday Shopping at City Gift Shops

Start holiday shopping at city gift shops.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center gift shop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (except major holidays). Information: 703-385-8414.

The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (except major holidays). Information: 703-591-0560.